(b) If so, whether Government propose to reconsider its decision not to set up an Independent Regulatory Commission; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Dot not arise.

गुजरात में आई.डी.एस.एम.टी. के अन्तर्गत विकास हेतु संस्तुत किए गए नगर

135. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) आई.डी.एस.एम.टी. योजना के अन्तर्गत विकसित किए जाने के लिए गुजरात सरकार द्वारा कुल कितने छोटे और मझौले नगरों को संस्तुत किया गया है;

(ख) वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान, उनमें से ऐसे कितने नगर हैं जिनका कार्य शुरू किया गया; और

(ग) ऐसे नगरों की संख्या तथा उनका ब्यौरा क्या है जिन्हें वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान इस योजना के अन्तर्गत लाए जाने का विचार है?

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा. यू. वेंकटेश्वरलू): (क) और (ख) संशोधित आई.डी.एस.एम.टी. स्कीम के तहत गुजरात सरकार द्वारा विकास हेतु 8 प्राथमिक शहरों की सिफारिश की गई है जिसमें से 4 शहरों (बावला, मोडसा, इदर तथा आनन्द) को 1995-96 के दौरान योजना में शामिल किया गया था।

(ग) एक शहर नामत: बारदोली को, जिसे गत वर्ष राज्य स्तरीय आई.डी.एस.एम.टी. अनुमोदन समिति द्वारा भी मंजूरी दी गई थी, 1996-97 के दौरान योजना में शामिल किये जाने का प्रस्ताव है। अतिरिक्त शहरों को शामिल करना, राज्य स्तरीय आई.डी.एस.एम.टी. अनुमोदन समिति द्वारा अनुमोदन तथा सिफारिश किये जाने पर निर्भर करता है जिसकी बैठक चालू वर्ष में होनी है।

Production and Import of Crude Oil

136. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the production of crude oil during the last three years;

(b) the import crude oil during the same period;

(c) the steps for demand management proposed by Government to bring down imports; and

(d) whether mandatory Energy Audit is considered as a step for conservation of hydrocarbon; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU). (a) and (b) The indigenous production of crude oil and its import during the last three years was as under:—

(Figs. in Mn. Tonnes)

Item	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96 (Provisional)
Production	27.03	32.24	35.185
Imports	30.82	27.35	27.34

(c) A number of steps have been taken for promotinig the conservation and more efficient use of petroleum products. These include improving efficiency of refineries, increasing fuel efficiency in the transport sector, upgradation of lubricants, incentives for replacement of inefficient boilers, furnaces and promotion of fuel efficient equipment and practices in the industrial sector, besides multi-media awareness compaigns and imparting of education and training to various target groups of oil users.

(d) The IXth Plan Sub-group for petroleum sector has recommended mandatory energy audit for all small/medium sized industrial units consuming petroleum products & adoption of appropriate legislative measures.

Cadre Management Policy for all India Services

137. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to stop further direct recruitment to posts pertaining to IAS, IPS and other allied cadre officers;

(b) whether a new cadre management policy is proposed to be introduced for all these All India Services; and

(c) whether some new rules and procedures would be adopted for the officers of All India Cadre going on deputation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) No, Sir. Need based recruitment to the All India Services and other Services will be made.

(b) and (c) Steps have been initiated to implement the decisions of the Supreme Court regarding computation of the Direct Recruitment and Promotion quotas for the All India Services.

Achievements of K.D. Malaviya Institute and Institute of Drilling Technology

138. SHRI PARESHWAR KUMAR AGGARWALLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the specific achievements of the K.D. Malviya Institute and the Institute of Drilling Technology, year-wise; including in the fields of exploration and drilling technology;

(b) how do these compare with the technologies of the developed countries the world over;

(c) the extent upto which such exploration and drilling technologies developed by these institutes have been adopted in the country and with what results;

(d) the yearly budget of these two institutions during the last five years and to what extent these have been utilised for R&D; and

(e) the reasons for import of technology in the related fields inspite of these two premier institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Crisis in NTPC

139. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NTPC is facing crisis with mounting dues of SEBs and is under World Bank's threat to stop all loans;

(b) if so, the factors identified according to the analysis, if any, made by Government therefor;

(c) what is the overall impact of the NTPCs cash crunch on its expansion programme, ongoing projects and capacity additon; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present situation is due to poor financial and physical health of SEBs. Amongst the primary reason of poor financial health of SEBs is sub-optimal pricing policy followed by mosts SEBs for supply of electricity, high transmission and distribution losses including pilferage of electricity and relatively unsatisfactory receivable position of SEBs.

(c) The inadequate realisation of dues will adversely affect the expansion programme of National Thermal Power Corporation including on-going projects. This will also affect the existing and future loans from multilateral lending agencies.

(d) The Government have taken a number of measures to improve the situation which include recovery of all outstanding dues from State Electricity Boards (SEBs) by appropriation from the plan assistance to the respective states. Future supply of power shall only be against the advance payments or irrevocable Letters of Credit by SEBs.

Crisis of Badarpur Thermal Power Plant

140. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some units of Badarpur Thermal Power Plant have been shut-down;